

Endangered Resources & Law Enforcement Committee Meeting

August 11, 2006
Stevens Point, WI

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:05 PM. Roll call of committee members taken.

Committee members present: Ray Smith, Dennis Neuman, Rick Swenson, Scott Strook, Henry Garn, Thomas Wilda, Harold Grandaw, Barb Eisenberg, Art Malin, Ken Balistreri, John Piechowski.

Committee members excused: Michael Gruenhagen, David Ferris, Jim Shurts, George King, Nick Brantner, Joseph Miller.

Committee members unexcused: James Kriska, Paul Hansen, Todd Close, and Richard Jensen.

Department personnel present. Randy Jurewicz, Kendall Frederick.

Randy Jurewicz presented an update on the wolf program, populations and current status of the delisting process. He also gave the committee an update on the Butler's Garter snake. The Butler's Garter snake is currently on the Endangered Species list but JCRAR is removing it from the list because of pressure it received from the Builders Associations. The Butler's Garter snake habitat is in the areas that the Builders Associations would like to develop. The Endangered Resources & Law Enforcement Committee is forwarding the following recommendation to the Executive Council.

"The Endangered Resources and Law Enforcement Committee recommends to the Executive Council that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress supports the Department of Natural Resources study and the proposed Butler's Garter snake conservation plan and opposes the delisting of the Butler's Garter snake by JCRAR."

Resolution #330206 – Armed Forces License

After discussion there was a motion by Wilda, seconded by Balistreri to advance the resolution to the Executive Council. Motion carried.

Resolution #550206 – Unlawful to hunt within 100 yards of any feeding station

After discussion, there was a motion by Wilda, seconded by Grandaw to reject the resolution because of law enforcement problems. Motion carried.

Resolution #690206 – To allow use of pistol calibers in a long gun in shotgun zones

After discussion, there was a motion by Malin, seconded by Piechowski to reject the resolution because of safety concerns. Motion carried.

Resolution #720306 – Increased Law Enforcement

After discussion there was a motion by Grandaw, seconded by Neuman to reject the resolution because this is covered by current laws. Motion carried.